

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 992

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 70 in  
Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in  
honor of the late John M. Stone, Sr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late John M. Stone, Sr., of Nashville who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on February 4, 1943, in Clarksville, John M. Stone, Sr., was the second of five children born to Guy D. Stone and Mary Shemwell Stone; and

WHEREAS, during his formative years, John Stone compiled a notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 514 and, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, earned the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain: Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Clarksville High School, Mr. Stone, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Austin Peay State University and his master's degree from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1967, John M. Stone, Sr., was joined in holy matrimony with Margaret Joyce Stephens, and their blessed union produced two children, Julee Elizabeth Stone and John Marion Stone, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was hired in September 1968 as the Assistant Hospital Administrator for Nashville's Bordeaux Hospital, and his tireless efforts and unsurpassed integrity did not go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable public servant was promoted in 1977 and served with acumen and alacrity as the Director of Hospitals until 2000; in this important position he oversaw operations for both Bordeaux Hospital and Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital and earned the respect of his employees and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his patient leadership style; and

WHEREAS, following a much deserved retirement in December of 2001 after more than thirty years of service to Metropolitan Nashville, Mr. Stone continued working to establish a brighter future for his community by serving as a poll officer at the Election Commission for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors for Our Kids, Big Brothers, and the Rotary Baseball Park; as a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts of America; and as the President of the Donelson-Hermitage Rotary Club, which bestowed upon him the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his outstanding humanitarian and community service; and

WHEREAS, a man who embodied the best of his community, John Stone was a graduate of the Nashville Leadership Class and served in an advisory capacity for the Leadership Donelson-Hermitage Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader was directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, John Stone was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Stone was a wonderful brother to his siblings, Mary Louisa Stone Goldman, Donald Guy Stone, Stephen Dan Stone, and Elizabeth Anne Stone Moore; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, Phillip Darrell Clark III and Stephen Lee Hicks, but, unfortunately, he did not live long enough to meet his granddaughters, Gabriella Danielle Stone and Alessandra Jordan Stone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Guy D. Stone and Mary Shemwell Stone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone's passing on December 31, 2006, was keenly felt in this State; his indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors will be long remembered; and

WHEREAS, because U.S. Highway 70 (Hermitage Avenue) was formerly the address and location of Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital where he worked so tirelessly and efficiently, this General Assembly desires to name a segment of such route in honor of John M. Stone, Sr., as a memorial to this native son's many contributions to health care in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of U.S. Highway 70 (Hermitage Avenue) in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County from such route's intersection with Peabody Street to its intersection with Lime Street is hereby designated the "John M. Stone, Sr., Highway" as a lasting tribute to one of the most effective and compassionate public servants this State has ever known.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 70 (Hermitage Avenue) described in the first resolving clause as the "John M. Stone, Sr., Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the

provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "John M. Stone, Sr., Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address or the governmental system for assigning addresses in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of U.S. Highway 70 described in this resolution as the "John M. Stone, Sr., Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.